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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 8 recites the limitation "said back side" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. **Claims 1-5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Szmidt et al. (US Patent 6,729,630 B2).** Szmidt et al. Discloses a baby stroller and safety restraint device (10) comprising a panel (14) having a front edge (29), a back edge (26), a pair of side edges (24), a top side (22), and a bottom side (28), said panel being generally arcuate so that said top side is generally concave from said front edge to said back edge, a pair of sides walls being

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attached to said panel such that each is attached to one of said side edges and extends upwardly therefrom (See Figs. 1-3); a strap assembly (16) adapted for releasably securing a child against the top side of said panel being attached to said panel; a coupler (30) being attached to said bottom side of said panel, said coupler being adapted for removably receiving a seatbelt (32); a pair of wheels (44) being rotatably coupled to said bottom side of said panel; and a push handle (18) being attached to said panel and being positioned adjacent to said back edge; **[claim 2]** wherein said coupler comprises at least one loop member positioned generally between said back and front edges (See Fig. 6); **[claim 3]** wherein each of said wheels is positioned generally adjacent to one of said side edges, each of said wheels being positioned generally between said back and front edges (See Fig. 2); **[claim 4]** wherein said push handle includes a pair of arms (36) attached to and extending away from an elongated rod (38), each of said arms being selectively extendable into one of a pair of openings in said panel such that said rod may be selectively positioned in a retracted position adjacent to said panel or an extended position positioned away from said panel (See Figs. 1-3); **[claim 5]** further including a carry handle (33) including a central member and a pair of legs (35) being attached to and extending downwardly from said central member such that said carry handle is generally U-shaped, each of said legs having a bottom end, each of said bottom ends being rotatably coupled to one of said side walls, said bottom ends of said legs being positioned generally between said front and back edges; **[claim 8]** wherein said wheels extend less than three inches away from said back side of said panel.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. **Claims 6-7 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Szmidt et al. (US Patent 6,729,630 B2) in view of Roh (US Patent 6,019,421).** Szmidt et al. discloses the stroller and safety seat as set forth above, but does not disclose further including a cover being attached to said panel and extending from said front edge toward said back edge, said cover extending between said side walls. Roh discloses a cover (for an infant's seat) being attached to said panel and extending from said front edge toward said back edge, said cover extending between said side walls (See Figs. 4-13). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in this art to provide a cover to be attached to the panel of the stroller disclosed in Szmidt et al. in view of the teaching of Roh. The motivation for doing so would have been to provide a protective cover over the infant to shade the sun and/or keep out insects.

***Conclusion***

7. The prior art made of record in the accompanying PTO Form 892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Allen Shriver whose telephone number is (703) 308-1224. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris P. Ellis can be reached on (703) 305-0168. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

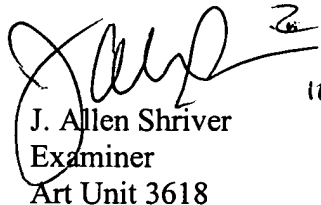
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